एजेंसियों को भारत में सीधे परिचालन की अनुमति नहीं है, हमारा विदेशी उपग्रह ट्रांसमिशनों पर कोई नियंत्रण नहीं है । इस बीच, राष्ट्रीय एवं क्षेत्रीय स्तरों पर मुख्य रूप से भारतीय कार्यक्रम जो अच्छे और सही हों, को उपलब्ध कराने के लिए दूरदर्शन चैनलों के कार्यक्रमों की पुनर्रचना की गई है । जिससे कि दूरदर्शन के दर्शकों की रूचि को बनाए रखा जा सके ।

Coverage of developmental programmes of Delhi Government

98. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any communication from the Government of Delhi regarding discrimination in the matter of coverage of the development programmes of Delhi Government on electronic media;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not giving due coverage to Delhi Government on Television; and

(c) the action taken to ensure full and complete coverage to Delhi Government on Television?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The communication, which did not mention any specific instance, complained inter-alia that the welfare programmes, activities of the Delhi Government did not get adequate coverage in Doordarshan bulletins.

(c) Doordarshan regularly carries items about the activities of the Government of Delhi in its regional and national news bulletins and would continue to do so in the future also.

Impact of foreign television network

99. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government programmes beamed by foreign television network like Star T.V. amounts to cultural invasion;

(b) if so, whether Doordarshan is taking steps to negate their cultural impact on the viewers; and

(c) if so, whether the integration of the MTV programme as part of daily programme schedule on DD-2 is consistent with the approach?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Government is aware of the existence of this perception in many quarters.

(b) and (c) Doordarshan is constantly endeavouring to provide on its channels programmes which cater to the needs of the widest cross section of its viewers. The MTV programmes, are thus being telecast on the DD-2 channel since there is a felt need for programming of this nature within the country.

Demand for autonomy to electronic media

100. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a discussion held in New Delhi in September, 1994 under the aegis of the Citizens Initiative for autonomy of electronic media;

(b) whether a demand for implementation of the Prasar Bharati Scheme and for amending the Prasar Bharati Act was made therein; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Scarcity of newsprint to newspaper Industry

101. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that newspaper industry has lately been faced with a peculiar problem of newsbring scarcity especially in respect of indigenous newsprint;

(b) if so, the nature and extent of scarcity, indicating the requirement and availability for the current year; and

(c) the steps taken to make good the shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) to (c) There is scarcity of indigenous newsprint in the country. As against the estimated demand of 6.00 lakh metric tonnes of standard newsprint in the country for the current year, the production of indigenous standard newsprint is estimated to be only 3.80 lakh metric tonnes. To meet the shortfall in supply, the newspapers are allowed to import the entitled quantities of newsprint in terms of the Newsprint Import policy notified by the Ministry of Commerce.

Entry of foreign media

102. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the resolution unanimously passed by the executive committee of the Indian Newspapers Society at Bangalore on 14th September, 1994, firmly opposing the entry of foreign newspaper publishers into India or holding by them or any other foreign resident of any shares in any company for the purpose of printing and/or publishing newspapers, magazines and other such publications in India or control of print media by them in this country in the any other manner; and

(b) if so, whether Government reviewed the Cabinet sub-Committee's proposal to allow minority equity participation of foreign mass media companies in Indian newspaper companies to publish newspapers under foreign or Indian names, in the light of the above resolution of INS; and if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Govt. continues to be guided by the Cabinet Decision of 1955, which has neither been changed nor rescinded so far.

Setting up of LPT in Orissa

103. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the State Government of Orissa regarding the installation of low power T.V. transmitters and for upgradation of T.V.